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Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
Hongkong, January 3, 1912.

**HONGKONG VOLUNTEER
RESERVES.**

Members who have not completed Part 1 of the Musketry Course should attend the Range at Kowloon either on Saturday, 7th inst., at 2.30 p.m. or Sunday, 8th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

Standard Test will be carried out on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th instant commencing at 2.30 p.m. and 9.30 a.m. respectively for all members who have completed Part 1.

It is particularly requested that members will attend punctually at the time laid down to commence shooting.

Drill will be carried out every Thursday evening at 5.30 p.m. until further notice.

A peculiar case was heard by Mr. Hazeland today, in which Inspector Gourlay charged a Chinese with procuring a boy for the purpose of attempting to obtain a pot of opium value 20 cents with intent to defraud. The boy after having purchased the opium, put it in his pocket, and afterwards produced a different pot stating that it weighed light. The fraud was detected, and the man who sent the boy to buy the opium was charged. He was found guilty, and sentenced to two months' and four hours' stocks.

We understand that Dr. G. J. Nijhuis has given notice of his intention to apply the Full Court to have two decisions of the Hongkong Supreme Court reversed. The first of these actions was brought by Dr. Nijhuis against the Siam Indrapura Rubber Concessions, Ltd., and it will be remembered was dismissed as being an abuse of the process of the Court, while the second matter of the order of the Court dismissing his petition for the winding up of the Company. It is also understood that Dr. Nijhuis has given notice of an appeal in the action brought by him against Craig & Co. in the Hongkong Court.

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HONGKONG TO CANTON. CANTON TO HONGKONG.

FRIDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

8.00 A.M. 'FATSHAN.' 8.00 A.M. 'FATSHAN.'

10.00 P.M. 'KINSHAN.' 5.00 P.M. 'HONAM.'

SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

8.00 A.M. 'HONAM.' 8.00 A.M. 'FATSHAN.'

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HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'SUI TAI' Tons 1651. S.S. 'SUI AN' Tons 1651.

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 A.M. & 2 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf, Sunday, at 9 A.M. & 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sundays, at 7.30 A.M. and 5 P.M.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

The Company's Steamship "HEUNGSHAN" will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M. and return from Macao at 5 P.M.

N.B.—This Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

This steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 6 P.M.

FARES AS USUAL.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'HOI-SING' 457 Tons.

Departure from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 2 P.M. Departure from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 P.M.

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HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE LING-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. 'SAINAM' 588 Tons, and S.S. 'NANNING' 565 Tons.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers 'LINTAN' and 'SANUI'. These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

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Hongkong September 4, 1909.

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THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON DIRECT, WILL LEAVE HONGKONG ON MARCH 29th, 1913, CALLING AT STRAITS, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES AND GIBRALTAR, AND IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT:—

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The Accommodation in this Vessel is at the entire disposal of Passengers from the Far East.

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The Public are respectfully informed that the THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE between TIENTSIN and PUKOW will be connected from the 4th of DECEMBER, 1912. They run twice a week from each terminus:—

TIENTSIN TO PUKOW:

TIENTSIN (Settlement).....dep. 12.30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.

PUKOWarr. 2.55 P.M. THURSDAY AND SUNDAY.

PUKOW TO TIENTSIN:

PUKOWdep. 8.20 A.M. MONDAY AND FRIDAY.

TIENTSIN (Settlement).....arr. 10.33 A.M. TUESDAY AND SATURDAY.

From the 1st December all trains from Tientsin will start from the Settlement Station.

The Daily trains between TIENTSIN (Settlement) and TIANYU, between TIANYU and HAYCHOW, and between HAYCHOW and PUKOW, and on the Branch Lines between YENCHOW and TAIKINGCHOW and between LINCHOW and TAOCHOW, will run as usual.

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Warfare in England, by Hilaire

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Astronomy, by Arthur R. Hinks.

M.A.

The Opening-up of Africa, by Sir

H. H. Johnston.

Medieval Europe, by H. W. C.

Davis.

Livingston's First Expedition to

Africa.

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vestment.

Spacification, by J. H. Huxley.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

FRIDAY.

the 6th December, 1912, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Lee House Street, —

A CONSIGNMENT OF
HOUSEHOLD LINENS,

Comprising:—

Witney Blankets, Travelling Rugs, Turkish Towels, Brown Linen Towels, Hand-embroidered Pillow Cases, Bath Towels, Single and Double Bed Size Hem-titched Sheets, Honeycomb and Sateen Quilts, Huckaback Towels, Damask Table Cloths 2 yds. wide by 2 yds., 21 yds., 3 yds., 3 1/2 yds., 4 yds., Ladies' and Gent's Handkerchiefs, Lace Curtains, Towels and Glee Cloths, Gents' Ties, Shirts and Hoses.

A few lots of Rodgers Table and Dessert Knives, Table Plate and Sundries, (In small lots to suit purchasers).

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, November 28, 1912. 1496

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

SATURDAY,

the 7th December, 1912, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Lee House Street, —

A CONSIGNMENT OF
ENGLISH JEWELLERY,

PAST BANKRUPT STORE,
Just arrived from London.

Comprising:—

Diamond Rings, Brooches, Pins, Neck-chains, Bracelets, &c., Gold and Silver Watches by Benson and other London Makers, Silver-backed Brushes, Mirrors, &c., &c., including Fancy Goods.

(Particulars from Catalogue).

On view day before sale.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 3, 1912. 1519

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, to sell by Public Auction,

on

MONDAY and TUESDAY,

the 9th and 10th December, 1912, commencing each day at 10 A.M., at THE GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSE STORE, and at the GOVERNMENT STORES,

Bullock Lane, Wanchai, —

A LARGE QUANTITY OF
CONDEMNED STORES,

as follows:—

Boring Drills and Gear, Iron Spacers, Standards, Boat Davits, Flagstaffs, Spacers, Canvas Hose Piping, Wrought and Cast Iron Scrap, Cast Iron Piping, Bolts, Nuts and Rivets, Brass Taps, Indian Rubber, etc., etc.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

On view from 7th December.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 20, 1912. 1468

FOR SALE

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell (for account of the concerned), at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Lee House Street, —

1. Full size Billiard Table with all Accessories, in good condition by Thurston & Co., London.

1. American Cash Register.

Full particulars from the Undersigned.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 14, 1912. 1448

Auctions.

G. R.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of December, 1912, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Macdonnell Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

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COMMERCIAL.

COTTON AND YARN.

Messrs James F. Hutton and Co. Ltd., Manchester, in their weekly market report dated Nov. 7, state:—

Liverpool Cotton.—Mid-American spot, to-day 6.73, last week 6.50. Mid-American, current month, to-day, 6.63, last week 6.25. F.G.F. Egyptian—spot, to-day, 9.07, last week 9.14.

New York Cotton spot—cents, yesterday 11.90, last week 11.55.

London.—Bar Silver to-day, 28 1/2, last week 28. Bank of Eng. Rate to-day, 5 1/2, last week 5 1/2.

Cotton Figures from August 31st last to last Friday. Liverpool Stock.—All kinds Cotton, this year 643,090 bales; last year 403,520. Liverpool Stock.—American of Cotton, this year 508,040 bales; last year 307,180. American Dold Spinners for the week, this year 384,000 bales; last year 419,000. American into sight for the week, this year 716,000 bales; last year 655,000. American into sight for the season, this year 4,467,000 bales; last year 4,670,000. Receipts at American ports, this year 3,380,000 bales; last year 3,480,000. Visible Supply.—All kinds of Cotton, this year 4,391,000 bales; last year 3,503,000. Visible Supply.—American Cotton, this year 3,567,000 bales; last year 2,018,000. Visible Supply.—Egyptian Cotton, this year 298,000 bales; last year 184,000. Visible Supply.—East India Cotton, this year 61,000 bales; last year 53,000. Visible Supply.—Other kinds of Cotton, this year 120,000 bales; last year 76,000.

During the week ending at the date of our last Report, which opened with Liverpool Spot American Cotton at 6.16, an advance of 20 points had occurred up to the publication of Messrs Neill Bros. Crop estimate on the 30th ult., giving Mr Lammert Neill's figures as 13,970,000 bales maximum for the present American Crop, upon which Liverpool advanced a further 14 points to 6.50d. for Spot, while New York advanced 20 points on the same day to 11.55 cents. We mentioned last week 14 1/2 millions as a minimum American Crop, and the consumption of Spinners at the same figure for the present season, while the latter was estimated by Messrs Neill Bros. at 14 1/2 millions, which would absorb 750,000 bales of surplus American Cotton—this report is decidedly "bullish" but cannot be taken as final, there may be improvement in weather conditions for instance before the picking season is over in some of the Cotton districts—again last year Messrs Neill's estimate at this time was 15 million bales minimum, and the Crop came out over 16 millions, which goes to prove that although Mr L. Neill travels over the Cotton States, it is not easy, especially with a large Crop, to obtain an absolutely reliable estimate in October.

Further the reported frosts in the S. Western States have evidently not been severe enough to damage the Crop, or we should have had confirmations and no doubt as usual exaggerations—failing these we may take it that the season in Texas and Oklahoma and the lower Mississippi Valley continues favourable, and consequently there cannot now fail to be a considerable top Crop, which circumstance rather warrants our holding on to a minimum estimate of 14 millions—there are larger estimates put forward reaching to 15 millions and probably somewhere between these two points will be realised—estimates below 14 millions are also published, but they do not appear to be regarded either here or at New York with serious attention.

The weather scares and Mr L. Neill's Crop scare on the top of already strong and advancing Cotton Markets had caused during the past week further considerable advances in Cotton, and in Yarns up to last evening, of 35 cents at New York, 20 points at Liverpool, and about 4d. per lb. in Yarns, while Piece Goods generally are stronger and dearer in various degrees according to the position of the manufacturer.

The Egyptian Crop, after allowing for a decrease in the third picking as compared with last year, is now estimated by the Alexandria Produce Association at 7 1/2 million cantars, and the 2nd official memorandum on the India Crop of 1912/13 shows an increase in area of 1,100,000 acres above last year, the general condition of the Crop is fair to good, rain being wanted in parts of the Bombay Presidency and of the Punjab and Hyderabad. This morning we stand 66 points up for Liverpool American Spot in a fortnight, and 43 points as compared with a week ago, and these advances must be considered greater than warranted by actual information as to the weather and crop estimates, so that we hope the prices will go back again at least part of the way, and consequently it is better not to rush into buying just now, but to watch the market. Merchants on this side regard with scepticism the rise of 4d. per lb. in Canton in 3 weeks, and have stopped buying, generally speaking, pending further developments.

NOTICE.

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dent, yet there are many reasons for believing that he could easily make his position more secure and prevent encroachments where no encroachment should ever have taken place had proper precautions been taken. The British manufacturer has the advantage of a long start in the race; he has many advantages of which better use could be made, among them being his long established connections in all parts of the world. He has also, in a degree superior to any other nation, the natural situation and the means for rapid transit, and, above all, he has the enterprise and spirit of the born trader and climatic conditions that make for work being engaged in rapidly. To this must be added the indisputable fact that the article produced by the British manufacturer is the best of its kind in the world. These are facts that are too seldom expressed. The only objection we have to the British manufacturer is that in competition he is apt to allow his competitors too much scope, which is all the more deplorable considering the amount of pioneer work that has been done on his behalf by his fellow countrymen in all parts of the world. Such reflections naturally cause one to feel despondent, and therefore the news that the British engineers, at least those represented by the Engineers' Association, are fully alive to the possibilities now presenting themselves in China. We agree with Sir Walter Hillier that there is every necessity for the British engineer to watch developments in China; and if he does so there is no rival that he need fear, for British prestige in China, notwithstanding much that has been said and written to the contrary, stands higher than it ever did.

If the British manufacturer will but be on the lookout for the vast enterprises that must be undertaken in China, if he will utilise his present enormous equipment with which to deal with such development, and make use of his past commercial relations with the Orient, he will find that there is no manufacturer on the face of the earth with whom the Chinese will more readily transact business; he will find that the new Republic Government—which it is more than time the British Government fully "recognised"—will be only too willing to obtain the assistance of the British. If he continues his flabby policy of "muddling through," he will find something quite different—that other nations, with not a tenth of the British manufacturers' advantages, will be able to compete successfully where they, but for the easy-going ways of the British, could never have obtained a footing. British manufacturers will also find that they and they alone are responsible for the losses to themselves, to their country and to the Empire—and to those Britons, who in the past, risked all and often lost all, to give the British that position in the world which they ought at present, to a larger extent, occupy in the commerce and in the destinies of the world.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

At the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Hazland, a Chinese was charged by Inspector Willis with kidnapping. A remand was ordered, bail being allowed in the sum of \$1,000.

Mr. J. McCubbin, manager of the Hongkong Gas Company, and Mr. Donald Neilson, of the Kowloon Dock Company, were due to arrive here to-day by the P. and O. s.s. Himalaya.

Before Mr. Malborne this morning European Constable No. 76 charged two men with wasting water in the West Point District. The policeman stated that the men were allowing taps to run wastefully. They were fined \$1 each.

On the application of Inspector Sullivan, of Hung Hom, the two Chinese charged with the murder of an Indian watchman at the Kowloon Engineering Works, were again remanded for a week by Mr. Hazland at the Magistracy to-day.

Sergeant Grant charged a man before Mr. Hazland to-day with being in the unlawful possession of three Browning pistols and 800 rounds of ammunition at Wing Lok Street. The defendant was defended by Mr. Ordner, solicitor, and was fined \$10.

HONGKONG WEDDING.

SETH—ROS.

A pretty Hongkong wedding was solemnised at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, this morning, when Mr. John Hennessy Seth, son of Mr. Archibald Seth, I.S.G., and Mrs. Seth, of Hongkong, was married to Miss Pilar Ros, daughter of the late Mr. Eduardo Ros and Mrs. Ros. Both the bride and bridegroom are well known in the Colony, and a large congregation attended the service.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. Arratoon V. Apear, was very prettily attired, and was attended by Miss Pepita Ros, her sister, as bridesmaid.

Mr. Harold Seth acted as best man to his brother.

The bridegroom's gifts to the bride were diamond and pearl earrings, while he received from his bride a pearl scarf-pin.

A reception held at the conclusion of the ceremony was attended by a large number of well-wishers, and later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seth left for Macao where their honeymoon will be spent.

TO TOSS FOR IT.

Palme Judge's Suggestion.

In the Summary Court this morning the solicitors in a money-lending case, in which a sum of \$300 was involved, informed the Judge that they had so far agreed that there was a difference of only \$3 between them, and his Lordship threw out the suggestion that they might toss a coin to decide such a trifling disagreement. The action was one in which Messrs. C. W. Bannard and Co., provision dealers, 43 Connaught Road, claimed from Man Cho, of 15 Stone Nullah Lane and Tsoi Tai Sam of 60, Stanley Street, contractors, the sum of \$300, being money lent on September 22nd last.

Mr. R. A. Harding, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. C. A. Sutherland, of Messrs. Golding Barlow and Morrell, solicitors, for the defendants.

Mr. Ross informed his Lordship that he had made an offer to plaintiff in settlement, and the difference between them was only \$20.

His Lordship: How long am I to sit to adjust a difference of \$2?

Mr. Ross said if his Lordship would speak to the plaintiff, he would be well advised to accept the offer.

Mr. Harding said the offer was a reduced amount, the costs having been subtracted. His Lordship: If the difference is only \$2, I do not want to see frivolous, but cannot you toss for it?

Mr. Harding said he was quite willing to settle the matter, but last night the defendant made an offer slightly better than the one he made to-day. He then offered \$300 in subsidiary coin, and \$25 in bank notes for the costs. The difference was small.

The parties agreeing, his Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff for \$300 in notes and costs unless the \$300 offered is paid into court to-day.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND.

(Contributed.)

Those who avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing this play on the 17th, 19th or 21st instant will not only enjoy a rich historic treat, but they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are benefiting four of the most deserving charities for the poor and helpless amongst the juvenile population of this cosmopolitan community.

The Doreen Girls' School and Orphanage was founded in 1890 as an offshoot of the Boys' School and Orphanage, and has done excellent work for 19 years in educating European and Eurasian girls; it provides a home and school for orphans and poor children at reduced fees or without fee, and is the only institution of its kind in the Colony. Owing to the pressure of population upon the present site of the school in Bonham Road it has become necessary to move the school to Kowloon where a substantial and convenient building is now being erected. The Building Fund is much in need of money.

The Eyes Refuge was established by the late Miss Eyre who devoted her life to the rescue of Chinese girls from criminal and immoral surroundings and to training them to be useful members of the community. It occupies the Bellios Reformatory at Causeway Bay, where a large number of young women and girls are cared for and instructed in useful employments under the management of a committee of ladies and a most capable superintendent.

The Blind Home at Kowloon was first occupied in 1902, but the Hildesheim Missionary Society for Blind Girls commenced with a small school in Canton in 1891 and in Hongkong in 1897. The present building is filled to its utmost capacity with blind girls who are tended with loving care and taught useful occupations. A branch home is being erected on the Pokfulam Road. Here again is a building fund in need of much support.

The St. Louis Orphanage, at West Point, is a well-known home for orphan boys, of many denominations, who are educated and taught trades by the Roman Catholic Fathers and started in life.

It is clearly therefore the obvious duty of all who read these lines to book early and book often, as if they cannot use all the tickets they buy and they can give them to their friends, and the fact of having contributed to charity will give them a real for their Christmas dinner.

The booking office opens to the public at Moutrie's on Saturday and

THE POKFULAM RESERVOIR.

So much has been said and written on the vexed question of the purity of the Pokfulam water that it is not an easy matter to say anything new on the subject.

It is now about three years since a Committee of the Sanitary Board investigated the condition of the nullah round Mount Austin and reported that this area can never be rendered safe from contamination and that the only remedy must be in the eventual closing of the reservoir (Pokfulam) as these streams cannot now be cut out of the catchment area.

It is 23 years since the same proposal was made by Dr. Cantle. During that time Pokfulam water, to the amount of nearly 20 per cent. of our supply, has been in use, and it is doubtful if any epidemic can be traced to that source; and even if it could, it does not follow that the proper remedy would be to discontinue the use of Pokfulam water.

The new reservoir at Tyam Tock will not be completed for five years, and even this will not solve the question. The Pokfulam supply is delivered at a considerably higher level than the Tyam Tock, and there are also residences at Pokfulam itself to be considered, so that, even assuming that the new Tyam Tock reservoir will supply sufficient water, it is not possible to discontinue Pokfulam water until such time as the water can be taken to enable that water to be utilized in the houses now supplied by Pokfulam.

But will the new Tyam Tock supply be sufficient? It is very doubtful the history of Hongkong waterworks teaches a different lesson. It seems much more likely that, not only for the next five years but after, we must make the best we can of Pokfulam.

The question then arises: Are we making the best we can of it? The recent discussion at the Sanitary Board seems to show that the Government is not prepared to transfer the granting of permits for obtaining building material within the Pokfulam area from the Building Authority to the Governor in Council. In transmitting this refusal the Government pointed out that the Building Authority was also the Water Authority and might therefore be expected to consider the just claims of the public water supply as well as the demands of private builders.

This seems a reasonable enough argument. It might further be said that if the holder of the dual post cannot be trusted with such a small matter as this, he can scarcely be trusted with the control of the Filter Beds, Reservoir and Distributing Works. Are we not straining at gnats while swallowing camels?

In matters of sanitation, as in more other matters, councils of perfection may be essential or if no risk should be "incurred unnecessarily," much more would have to be done than merely submitting building material permits to the Governor in Council. All dwellings would have to be removed from the area, the roads and paths across it stopped, and the boundaries fenced and watched. It had been pointed out that the London derives the bulk of its supply from an impure source—the Thames. To this is objected that there is no parallel between the Thames and Pokfulam, that the London Water Board cannot control the Thames drainage area while the Hongkong Government can control the Pokfulam drainage area.

It is, in fact, a parallel. The parallel is this, that both supplies are drawn from impure sources and both are rendered payable by filtration, the London Water Board might just as easily give up the Thames and go to Mid Wales (as has been proposed) as the Hongkong Government might give up Pokfulam and go to the New Territory for its supply. It is not a question of absolute purity and it is the province of the Governor to balance the demands of the Building Authority and of the Colony Treasurer, to adopt a reasonable mean between extreme claims and not to supply us with absolutely pure water at an absolutely prohibitive cost, but with reasonably pure water in the best practicable way.

Surgeon F. G. Goble has been appointed to Hongkong Hospital, to date Nov. 1.

The King has been pleased to approve of Señor Don Manuel Domingo Derteano as Consul of Peru at Hongkong.

The U.S.S. flagship Saratoga, with Admiral Nicholson, commander in Chief of the Asiatic Squadron, and the United States minister in Peking, Mr. William J. Calhoun due here on Saturday.

In Macao the feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated this year with great pomp. A special notice has been issued by the secretary of the Confraternity of the same name, inviting the faithful to join in this special devotion, with a very elaborate programme.

On 20th ult. a Novena was commenced at the Cathedral, with daily Masses in celebration of the Holy Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

On the 8th inst., the feast day, there will be a special Mass at the altar of the Immaculate Conception at 8.30 a.m., and at 10 o'clock a High Pontifical Mass will be officiated by His Lordship Bishop D. J. Paulino d'Azevedo e Castro, assisted by the Church Body and the whole clergy and seminary. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Bishop will bestow the Papal Benediction from his Pontifical Chair, on which occasion and at the same time the killing of the bulls of all the churches will announce to all the faithful the Benediction granted. The ceremony promises to be a very imposing one and the congregation very large.

The exposition of the Holy Sacrament will take place till the evening. After solemn Vespers the Very Rev. Fr. Dr. A. J. Gomes will deliver the sermon of the occasion and this will be followed by the grand procession, taking the usual itinerary round the city, accompanied by the band. The Blessed Sacrament will be carried by the Bishop throughout the procession, under the Pallium, borne by the Confessors of the Confraternity. The faithful of Hongkong and Canton are invited to join in this feast of the former patron of the Kingdom of Portugal and the universal patron of all the Catholics throughout the world. Negotiations are in progress with the Steamboat Company to enable visitors to stay to view the procession.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was received at 8.55 to-day at the American Consulate-General:—

Manila, December 5, 1912.

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MADAME GAUTHIER'S CONCERT.

That the musical population of Hongkong is not a large one was amply demonstrated by the small booking for Madame Gauthier's concert, which was given last night in one of the smaller portions of the City Hall. It is to be regretted that such is the case, as the enjoyment of the few musical residents in the Colony was marred by its being necessary to bring into requisition a room of the dimensions of the one used. H.E. Sir Henry May, Lady May and Miss May were among those present.

There is no gainsaying that Madame Gauthier is one of the finest concert artists who has visited Hongkong for some considerable time, but she was undoubtedly at a great disadvantage, and as a consequence until she had become used to the acoustic properties of the hall was at a loss to comprehend a suitable volume for her upper register. Madame Gauthier has a very powerful mezzo-soprano voice, and her training on the operatic stage enables her to give full scope to its power. Consequently in her first song last night she did not quite attain the measure of success that many of her hearers had hoped she would achieve having heard of her great reputation as an operatic and concert vocalist. Her experience, however, came to her aid and she soon realized that for her voice to be effective she must, somewhat curb her intonation. The result of this was that Madame Gauthier, after having sung her opening couple of songs, at once established herself as ranking amongst our foremost concert artists. Her first song was "Una voce poco fa," from Rossini's Opera "Il Barbiere di Siviglia." It was in this aria that Madame Gauthier betrayed a slight hesitancy in rendering some of her higher notes, which had a very peculiar effect in the confined space at her disposal, and it seemed that some of them were decidedly flat. This, however, might have been solely due to the acoustics of the room, and it only slightly detracted from the charm of her singing. The audience was very enthusiastic and applauded her to the echo—indeed this was the case on every occasion upon which she appeared.

The programme was mainly constituted of items by Madame Gauthier, and on her second appearance she sang no fewer than four songs. Of these the first two were "Where thou art gone" and "The Dawn of Love" two charming compositions from the pen of Mr. Denman Fuller, who accompanied them on the pianoforte in a very accomplished manner. The melodies of these two items are very tuneful and the audience was not slow in according its high appreciation of both singer and composer. One of Madame Gauthier's most brilliant renderings was "Chanson du Tigre," from Victor Massé's "Paul et Virginie." The sharpness with which the singer rounded off her notes in this work made it one of her most effective contributions. Undoubtedly her greatest success, however, was achieved in "Regina del Silenzio," from Donizetti's opera Lucia di Lammermoor. The tone and feeling with which she expressed the passages in this composition surpassed any of the items which she selected for this concert.

Madame Gauthier combines with her fine singing a charming stage presence which one could not help thinking would be more appropriate to the operatic stage than the concert platform.

The other vocalist was Mr. H. J. Jones, a baritone singer of marked ability who has on many occasions won favour with Hongkong audiences, and his songs last night met with hearty approbation. He was heard to great advantage in a duet with Madame Gauthier, "It was a lover and his lass," which formed the concluding item of the programme. This was so pleasing that a request for repetition had to be acceded to.

Mr. Jones would be well advised to pay a little more attention his enunciation, as one felt that had his articulation been more audible his songs would have been as interesting poetically as they were musically.

Pride of place amongst the instrumentalists undoubtedly went to Mr. Ernest Hall, whose pianoforte playing was in every way acceptable. Besides a capital rendering of Chopin's Ballade in A flat Major, (Opus 47), he played three charming little tone-pictures by Edward Macdowell. Violon solos were contributed by Mr. G. Vermeij. Mr. Vermeij did not display any extraordinary traits in his technique, but nevertheless he was heartily applauded, and it must be said that he received but little support in his playing from his accompanist.

It is interesting to note that Madame Gauthier, although of French descent, was born in Canada, and is a niece of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Statesman. It is to be hoped that Madame Gauthier at no distant date will pay a return visit to Hongkong. If she does so it will be a great boon to the musical population of the Colony, as she will be given sufficient patronage to ensure the bringing of a large hall.

The programme of the year recital to be given at the Cathedral next Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. is an unusually interesting one and included in it will be the finale from Tchaikovsky's "Pathetic Symphony."

Both of the soloists are new to Hongkong; the contralto is Miss Walter and the violinist Miss Lockwood. They will be heard together in a duet for voice, violin and organ from "Lohengrin," work by Wagner.

NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Nov. 11.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

Party politics, by custom, are debarré at the Guildhall Banquet, when the Prime Minister is always the chief guest of the Lord Mayor and takes for his subject foreign affairs and our relations with the other powers. Every one at the Guildhall on Saturday night was anxious to hear what the Premier had to say of the situation created in the Balkans by the startling triumphs of the allied armies. Before the speech, however, there was a notable incident which showed clearly the tone and temper of the thoughts of those present. As each guest arrives his name is announced at the lower end of the hall and he walks up to the dais, between the lines of the assembled company, amid cheers and clapping of hands of varying cordiality. There could be no mistaking the warmth of the greeting given to the Greek and Bulgarian Ministers and the Serbian Chieftain d'Affaires, says the "Times." These diplomatists came in company, and the usher wished to announce them separately, in the usual mode. "No," said the Greek Minister, "we will go up together"; and so they went, side by side, to an accompaniment of inspiring applause. The Prime Minister and Mrs. and Miss Asquith, however, received the most stirring welcome of the evening. The Premier's speech made a profound impression, and his striking declaration that the victors are not to be puffed of the fruits which cost them so dear was emphatically with the loudest and most prolonged cheers by the very large and representative company present.

MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

The defeat of the Government on Monday afternoon on a financial resolution of the Home Rule Bill is a blow to its prestige which will have an ill-effect from the Ministerial point of view. No matter what attempts are made to explain away the defeat by 22 votes it remains a disaster of a serious kind. The Government may struggle on a little longer for appearance sake, but it has received a wound from which it cannot hope to recover. I think some members of the Cabinet would not have been averse to going into opposition, if the international situation had not been in so highly critical a condition. The Conservative papers admit that a resignation now would be a grave national disaster. So far as the Eastern crisis is concerned the Government commands the confidence of the country, and to resign office at such a moment would be gravely to weaken the influence of Great Britain in the Councils of Europe.

ARMY IN GERMANY.

The feeling is almost universally held that Turkey in Europe has disappeared as a power to be reckoned with. Turkey in Africa has gone, and Turkey in Asia will follow. But the Turks cannot reproach themselves for the result of the present war as due to any failure on their part to uphold the military traditions of valour and determination which are their proudest inheritance. The Bulgars have defeated the Turk because he was more scientifically trained and better armed, especially in the matter of artillery. The Turks, too, were starved into defeat. There is no other phrase for it. Within sixty miles of Constantinople, with full possession of the railway line—and the authorities in the Capital sent no food to the fighting troops. The Turks fought the battle of Lule Burgas for four days without rations, and then were forced to retire owing to the incompetent falling of administrative officers.

In many respects the fighting has proved a test of French methods against German, and the upshot is a tremendous score for France. Everyone agrees that the Bulgarian guns completely outgated the Turkish, besides being more rapid and accurate. It is stated that the manner in which the Krupp guns have been outgated has caused the Kaiser considerable anxiety and he is in daily consultation with the chiefs of his staff.

Many German officers have fought with the Turks, and one who stood by the side of a Turkish battery at Lule Burgas said it was no campaign but a butchery. He made the heartiest admission that the war was won by the overwhelming superiority of the French guns employed by the Bulgars. "Their batteries," he said, "picked shell after shell with amazing rapidity within five feet of each other. I do not believe that any troops in the world could have stood before that cruel fire." Then he made this remarkable declaration:—"My honest impression is that as the result of this war Germany will be obliged to remodel her artillery and her system. I don't want to be unjust and I am aware that the Turkish artillery was badly served; and, indeed, I myself saw Turkish guns that came out of action with the covers still on, and just as clean as they went in, but Krupp guns can fire neither so fast nor with anything resembling the accuracy of those deadly Cressents."

On a short quotation more from this German officer:—"Slurk of a miracle, I do not see what can stop the Bulgarians from reaching Constantinople at leisure. The only Ottoman army we have seen was a disorderly mob. It is the worst debacle in the history of the world, and I only fear that much of the discredit of it will fall on us."

According to a Manila paper one-ninth of the population of the town is believed to have been blown down by a typhoon on November 22. The loss of life was small.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WAR.

GREECE AND THE ARMISTICE.

SERBIA'S ATTITUDE.

Great Britain and Greece.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

The British Press are unanimous in condemning the action of Greece, which they declare is threatening to complicate the European outlook, which is now graver than ever. They are of opinion that Turkey is too astute not to make the fullest use of the divisions between her opponents, and would be encouraged to continue what seemed a week ago to be a hopeless contest. They urge Greece to abandon her intractable attitude, which imperils the fruits of the Allies' victories, pointing out that level-headed Bulgarian statesmen have probably the best reasons for their policy of compliance towards Turkey.

"SERBIA SWELLED HEADS."

The Albanian situation is much easier, though the *Koehnische Zeitung* animadverts on Russia's silence, declaring that until Russia speaks the word which "will put Serbian swelled heads in their places" the spectre of war will not be exorcised.

The tone of the Belgrade Press, however, is completely changed, and the papers are now unanimous in declaring that Serbia will accept the Powers' decision.

THE ADRIANOPLE SIEGE.

The commandant at Adrianople telegraphs that there were rifle and artillery duels on Monday. He affirms that he is determined to resist to the end.

THE SIEGE OF SCUTARI.

A message from Gruda (Montenegro) states that as a result of a sortie by the Garrison of Scutari on Monday, a severe battle raged from two o'clock in the afternoon till five o'clock on Tuesday morning, resulting in the repulse of the Turks with heavy loss.

HUGE AUSTRIAN ARMY ON THE FRONTIER.

Protests are made against the massing of the Austrian troops on the frontier. It is believed that there are 100,000 Austrians at Semlin.

THE GREEKS' DEMANDS.

A message from Constantinople says that it is believed that the Greeks demanded the capitulation of Janina and the surrender of the Turkish troops at Chios, where severe fighting occurred on Sunday morning.

LATER.

Greece has reserved her signature to the armistice for twenty-four hours, but is expected to sign. Anyhow, she will participate in the peace negotiations in London, beginning on December 12.

TRADE BEING RESUMED.

Normal trade in the import and export of goods will be resumed tomorrow, as the railways are again in a position to handle freight.

BULGARIA'S ROYALTIES.

A telegram from Sofia states that the Archduke Ferdinand and Count Dassel are returning to the capital, after which peace delegates will be appointed.

ROMANIAN CROWN PRINCE.

A telegram from Berlin states that the Roumanian Crown Prince has had conference with Count Von Bismarck-Holweg, the Imperial Chancellor.

THE QUESTION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia telegraphs that according to the terms of the armistice, the besieged fortresses must not be victualled, but food supplies will be conveyed to the Bulgarian Army via the Black Sea and Adrianople, commencing ten days after the conclusion of the armistice.

Hitherto it has been impossible to convey food supplies to the Bulgarian

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE GREEKS AND THE ALLIES.

The Greek Delegate, who only reached Chetale on Friday, found that the Bulgarian representatives, who are also representing Serbia and Montenegro, had been negotiating with the Turks for three days, and that the terms telegraphed yesterday had already been decided upon. The Greek Delegate immediately cabled the facts to his Government, who at once sent a long and dignified appeal to the Allies beseeching them not to weaken or endanger the League.

The Greeks contend that this communication will prove an important historical document as it will show that not only had Greece no intention of severing herself from the League, but she made every endeavour to maintain it in its original form.

BRITISH ENGINEERING IN CHINA.

THE ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION'S WORK.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

At the inaugural banquet of the British Engineers' Association—one of the objects of which is to overcome the obstacles surrounding the British engineering industry in China—Sir Douglas Vickers presided, among the guests being Sir Charles Dudgeon, Sir Walter Hillier, Mr. George Jamieson, and Mr. Byron Brennan.

CO-OPERATION URGED.

Sir Walter Hillier, in proposing the toast of the evening, dwelt on the progress of China and the necessity for watching this development in view of great enterprise and foreign competition. He urged co-operation against this foreign competition, and expressed his pleasure at the intention to secure the predominance of British technical instructors in Asiatic Schools and the intention to encourage Technical Colleges and Schools in great Britain to give special facilities to Orientals coming to this country for the purposes of study. He firmly believed that there was a great future before China.

CHINESE ENGINEERING STUDENTS.

The Chairman sketched the objects of the Association in eliminating unnecessary competition, and urged the necessity of assisting Chinese engineering students in this country.

MORE SUFFRAGETTE FOLLY.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

Yesterday evening, corrosive fluids were inserted in various pillar boxes in the City and several of the suburbs and a number of letters were destroyed.

JOHNSON V. WELLS.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

Arrangements are being made to promote a contest between Jack Johnson and Bomb Wells in Paris in June. The stakes will be £7,000.

CANADA AND IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

AN INTERESTING PROPOSAL.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

An article in the *Daily Telegraph* says that it is understood that the Hon. R. L. Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, favours the establishment of a Branch Committee of the Committee of Defence, both of which should be in continuous consultation. There will probably be an Imperial Conference in 1913 to discuss the matter.

THE COLOURED FUGLIT.

JACK JOHNSON MARRIES.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

Reuter's correspondent at Chicago states that Jack Johnson has married Lucile Cameron, the white girl whom he was accused of abducting recently.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN JOCKEY.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The death is announced of the famous jockey, Fred Allsopp, who in 1902 won the Derby.

ENGLISH NURSES IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Miss Alt, an English nurse, who had established a nursing institution for Turkish women at Constantinople, has been taken to the British Hospital there suffering from overwork. Her position will be taken by Lady Westmacott.

THE HOME RULE BILL.

THE LORD LEUTENANTSHIP.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

During the discussion in the committee stage of Clause 31 of the Home Rule Bill, which deals with the powers of Lord-Lieutenants of Ireland, Mr. Asquith announced that it was intended that this office should be similar to the Colonial Governorships. The term of office would not be longer than would coincide with that of the particular Government making the appointment.

AMERICAN EXPORTS TO JAPAN.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

President Taft, in a message to Congress, mentioned that in the two years since the conclusion of the new commercial treaty between Japan and America the exports to Japan had increased nearly 150 per cent.

THE SIX POWER LOAN.

NEGOTIATIONS PROMISING.

TOKYO, Dec. 5.

According to a Peking telegram to Tokyo the negotiations for the Six Power Loan to the Chinese Government are continuing promisingly.

THE MONGOLIAN SITUATION.

DECISIVE BATTLE IMMINENT.

TOKYO, Dec. 5.

A Peking telegram announces that the Chinese expeditionary force, which consists of the 28th Division, has arrived at Shao-kueing, and is face to face with the Mongolian defensive army. A decisive battle is imminent.

SPORTING.

Cricket.

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong Cricket Club ground on Saturday next: play to commence at 2 p.m. sharp—R. Hancock, (Capt.), A. A. Claxton, S. H. Dodwell, D. E. Donnelly, E. A. Fowler, A. H. Hingham, H. Hancock, M. A. MacTear, R. Pearce, R. P. Thurstield, and A. N. O'Leary.

Football.

H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. MINGOON. This evening, a friendly game will be played on the H.K.F.C. ground at Happy Valley between the Club and H.M.S. Mingoona, kick-off at 4.45 p.m. The following players will represent the Club—R. C. Barclay, goal; J. J. Fisher and A. Hamilton, backs; D. Campbell, R. F. Long and G. Walker, half-backs; N. E. Ruiton, W. A. Wilson, W. V. Pennell, N. Croucher and W. B. Rigdon, forwards.

Rugby Football.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH. The Rugby section of the Hongkong Football Club won their third successive match yesterday afternoon when they defeated by two tries to nil a strong Army team, including the two internationals, Fynn and Mansfield. The game was very fast and interesting throughout and though the Club always held a slight advantage they had to fight hard for it. Although up against a heavy pack, the Club forwards generally managed to get the ball in, and had they been equally clever in handling it, must have won by a larger margin. The first score for the Club was the result of a really fine three quarter movement, the ball being handled by each man before Chapman dashed over. The second try came from some scrambling play in the Army's 22 and culminated in a fine individual burst by House, who went right through the opposition and scored between the posts. Although the Club more than held their own in the second half there was no further scoring. When it is taken into consideration that this was the Army's first appearance this year it is quite evident that they will be a formidable combination.

TEAM FOR SATURDAY. On Saturday next at 4 p.m. the Club will play the Navy on the Club ground, and another keen game should result. The following have been selected to play for the Club—Full back, T. E. S. Halsey; Three-quarters, V. M. Grayburn, H. B. House, W. McCulloch; B. Chapman half-backs; F. Rutherford, J. Clark, forwards; A. Murdoch, J. O. Taylor, R. Farmer, A. P. Deane, C. O. Black, D. Walker, R. M. Austin, W. E. Anderson.

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THE BRITISH NAVY.

INCREASED PAY TO OFFICERS AND MEN.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced that the department had decided to increase the pay of the Navy. The increases included 15 per cent. addition to the pay of A.B.'s, and increases also to the Marines, Lieutenants, and half-pay Captains, and also a command allowance of five shillings daily to Commanders. The total cost of the proposals would be £351,273 for the men, and £35,200 for the officers. The increased rates are to come into force immediately.

The increases will amount to 3d. daily in the case of first-class A.B.'s and stokers with six years' manhood service, and petty-officers of both classes will receive an addition of fourpence to their daily pay. Men in the lower ranks of the Marines with a similar term of service to their credit will receive an increment of threepence daily, and those of the upper ranks fourpence. The increases to other classes of men in the Service will be in accordance with requirements. Thus the positions of the carpenters, shipwrights, armourers and signallers is receiving special consideration. Their scheme of payment will include an allowance of a penny a day for each good-conduct badge, and it is said that in future a free issue of kit will be made on rating. The pay of Lieutenants will rise by successive shillings after four, six, eight, ten, twelve and fourteen years' service.

JAPAN AND MONGOLIA.

DISPERSING CHINESE PREJUDICES.

TOKYO, Dec. 5.

Mr. Wu Eng had an interview with the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs regarding the attitude of Japan towards Mongolia. It is believed that the interview will do much to remove the prejudices of the Chinese Government towards Japan on this question.

JAPANESE CABINET'S RESIGNATION.

MARQUIS SAIONJI'S SUCCESSION.

TOKYO, Dec. 5.

The political situation in Japan, which was thrown into a state of confusion by the resignation of the Saionji Cabinet, now shows signs of improvement. Mr. Nakano, President of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce, had an interview yesterday with the retiring Minister of Finance in which he reminded him of a rumour of a probable compromise with the Military Party, and advised him to maintain a firm attitude. There are persistent rumours that Prince Katsura will probably succeed Marquis Saionji.

SOTTO TO BE DISCHARGED.

The case was again mentioned at the Magistrate's court of the extradition of Vincente Sotto to Manila on a charge of abduction. Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton appeared for the defendant, and Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. Mr. Brutton said his client had not appeared. Mr. Hodgson remarked that he did not object to Mr. Brutton appearing in the absence of his client. Mr. Brutton said he did not know whether the man would be present today, because as the last hearing had not finished until tomorrow. Up till now no evidence of arrest had been given, and he took it that various formalities would have to be gone through necessitating the defendant's presence. Mr. Hodgson said the reason he took the case today was that he thought he ought to discharge Sotto as soon as possible. He might tell Mr. Brutton that he intended to order his discharge. The case will be called on tomorrow morning.

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SUMMARY COURT ACTION.

In the Summary Court this afternoon before Mr. Justice Gompertz an action was heard in which the U. Yee, of 37 Queen's Road East, contractor, sued Lee U. Lim, and Lee Chun Sing, as partners of the Kwong Yick firm, which late carried on a contracting business at 37, Queen's Road East, to recover the sum of \$741.20, being the amount of principal and interest alleged to be due on a promissory note made and given by the Kwong Yick firm to the plaintiff on May 8th, 1909.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada, a Castro, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. W. Bowley, of Messrs. Donny and Bowley, solicitors, represented the second defendant. The Chun Sing, the other defendant was undefended.

Mr. D'Almada said the second defendant had given notice to plead, that the claim was Statute barred.

His Lordship observed that the law regarding this was still unenacted, and Mr. D'Almada could put in verbal evidence of acknowledgment of indebtedness.

Mr. D'Almada said he would give such evidence, and show that verbal acknowledgment by one partner was sufficient to bind the firm.

After some evidence had been heard the case was adjourned till Friday in order that some Chinese documents may be translated.

REMOVAL OF OPIUM.

On to the Magistrate.

Before Mr. Melhous at the Magistrate's court this afternoon, John Baker, of Messrs. Palmer and Turner appeared on remand charged with giving false particulars under an application to remove three chests of opium.

Mr. F. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. H. L. Denny, junior, of Messrs. Denny and Bowley, appeared for the defence.

The case had not concluded when we went to press.

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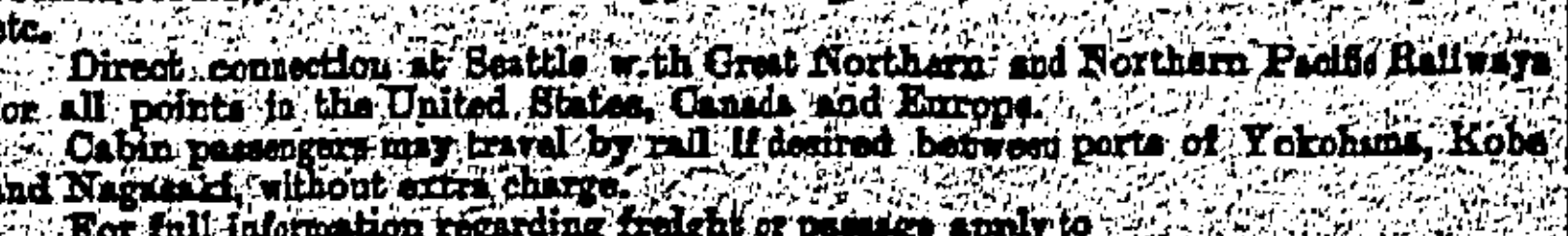
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